

Men's Trends

by Lou Schlanger

The current trend to lighter and brighter colorings is strongly evident in the fall crop of sport coats and slacks.

According to the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear, the lightest of the lights are to be found in the rapidly rising camel shades and the brightest of the brights in strongly colored masculine plaids of tweeds and shetlands. Even in slacks, softly colored blends in the medium to light-medium color ranges vie with the darker hues.

There is an all-inclusive "no holds barred" trend dominating the sport coat scene, and two-inch "dinosaur tooth" and two-inch "dinosaur tooth" checks are balanced by a new popularity for herringbones of varying sizes as well as a sustained liking for solid-color blazers ranging in shade from deep navy blue and black up, to clear camel tones and rich reds.

"Oatmeal shades" of medium grayish-tans are another fashion feature of the new sport coats. These are seen in everything from small conservative self-patterns to backgrounds for bold plaids.

THE DIVISION of contemporary and traditional styling is never more evident than it is in sport coats and slacks. Take the traditional, for instance. These hew to the time-honored three-button models, mostly with lapped seams and center vents. Their fabrics include the flannels of the blazers, the shetlands and the tweeds.

The contemporary models use a more closely spaced three-button placement as well as some two-button models to enhance their more tailored shoulder lines. Here one is apt to find more side vents as well as coats without vents. While many of the tweeds and shetlands of the traditional carry over into contemporary styles, many of the tailored shoulder sport coats utilize smoother "worsted" fabrics in textured weaves as well as cloths woven of "looped" boucle yarns, smooth silky-look weaves and soft muted plaids of lambs wool.

X-Ray Clinic In Downtown Due in March

An x-ray clinic has been scheduled at the city parking lot at the corner of Cabrillo and El Prado avenues Monday, March 9, from 1 to 7 p.m. and March 10 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., according to Dr. E. W. Kendrick, district health officer of the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Anyone 15 years of age and over is eligible. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Children under 15 years may get a tuberculosis skin-test at the Torrance office of the Los Angeles County Health Department, 2300 W. Carson St. Free chest x-rays are available also each Friday at the Center. Clinic information is available at FA 8-3310. The x-ray and skin-test clinics are tax-supported services.

THE DIFFERENCES in slacks are equally as marked. The traditional are virtually all belt-looped and, of course, unpleated. Many of the contemporaries use various self-supporting devices and some carry a single pleat on each side of the front. They also vary in fabric in many instances.

The traditional lean chiefly to flannels in the gray family with some tough worsted whipcords in tan, brown, olive blends and steel grays for variety. The contemporaries make excellent use of flannels, too. However, many of these flannels are apt to be multi-colored blends in lighter shades than the traditional. In this group are to be found some eye-catching mixtures in gabardines as well as textured fabrics with a silk-like effect.

In both categories — the traditional and the contemporary — look for many more "co-ordinates" — planned outfits of sport coats and slacks.

Most of these good-looking outfits have the slacks in a solid shade that picks up the ground color of the patterned sport coat. There are some four-piece combinations. In these the pattern of the coat is on the modest side and they include slacks to match the coat, slacks to contrast or harmonize and the vest that reverses to match both the patterned and solid-color units.

In any event, this is the year a fellow can give vent to his liking for color in casualwear, and he can pick his patterns, too. Remember, no holds barred!

Albro to Attend PR Conference

Lysle R. Albro, public information officer for the Torrance schools, will attend the ninth annual Southern California School for Public Relations conference March 20.

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Pioneer Developer Tours Torrance's Sister City

Ben Haggott, a pioneer Torrance developer, has suggested several exchanges for improving the sister city program with Konya, Turkey.

Haggott, who recently toured Konya during a trip to Europe and the Middle East, made his suggestions in a report sent to Torrance Mayor Albert Ison and the Sister City Committee. Student and technical exchanges, art and literature exchanges, and letter exchanges by students were suggested by

Haggott as ways to improve the sister city program.

IN HIS REPORT on Konya, Haggott described the city as a friendly and historical city. It is, he said, the flour center of Turkey. Other products include cement, rugs, metal and hand crafts, art work, and agriculture. He also said the city was a sports center.

Haggott said the city has no chamber of commerce, although the Tourist office really acts as a chamber. He saw

the Torrance Casino, a recreation center which was named for Torrance. The city now has a population of about 140,000 persons and is the capital of the Vilayet (province) of Konya.

Among the persons Haggott met while in Konya were Ahmet Atilla Gucuyener, a 20-year-old editor of the Yeni Konya Gazetes; Governor Beni Karatekin; Vice Mayor Rifat Ongay, the actual administrator of the city; and Fezyl Hal-

ici, the president of the Konya Tourism Assn.

THE CITY is the center of a large, dry farming area. While in Konya, Haggott stayed at the Hotel Shahin Palos, which he described as "small, comfortable, well operated, and hospitable."

Other suggestions which Haggott made in his report include help in establishing a Rotary Club, exchange of news articles and books, an exchange of the histories of the two

Policewoman at USC for Class

Barbara Ann Queen, 1444 W. 224th St., policewoman and juvenile officer in the Gardena Police Department, is attend-

ing USC's Delinquency Control Institute with 21 other men and women police and sheriff's officers from five states. Students will complete their work at USC's Civic Center campus, 145 S. Spring St., on May 1. The program is directed by Dr. Samuel H. Jameson for the USC School of Public Administration.

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